

April 6, 2006

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ACTION M I N U T E S

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown, Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Toni Young, Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Councilmember Toni Young	President
Mayor Ron Roberts	Immediate Past President
Supervisor Yvonne Burke	1 st Vice President
Supervisor Gary Ovitt	2 nd Vice President
Councilmember Harry Baldwin	Chair, TCC
Councilmember Dennis Washburn	Chair, EEC
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	Chair, CEHD

Members not in attendance

Councilmember Sid Tyler	Chair, Administration
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Others Present

David Ryu	Deputy, Sup. Yvonne Burke
Paul Bauer	SCAG Lobbyist

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Bert Becker, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Don Rhodes, Manager, Governmental Affairs
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	President Young Chair
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2.0	<u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</u>
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There were no comments presented at this time.

3.1 **Approval Items**

3.1.1 **Approval of March 2, 2006 Minutes**

It was MOVED (Ovitt), SECONDED (Roberts) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.2 **Information Items**

3.2.1 **Report on Sacramento Trip**

Paul Bauer, SCAG Lobbyist, gave a brief overview of the trip to Sacramento. He stated that there were a series of meetings with several Legislators and staff relating to the infrastructure bond measures. Several issues were discussed such as funding for Goods Movement; Regional Blueprint; and transportation. He stated that the discussions were well received. Mr. Bauer encouraged Executive Committee member participation as part of Sacramento Day. He stated that members of the Legislature enjoy meeting with their constituencies. It was reported that another trip will be scheduled this year.

3.2.2 **Update on Goods Movement**

Hasan Ikhata, gave a brief report on the meeting held last month with the CEOs. There are continuing discussions regarding an institutional arrangement for the implementation of goods movement. There was a consensus that a MOU would be drafted and Ty Schuiling, SANBAG, was assigned as lead. Member agencies will be asked to assign one staff to work with him on this effort. It is anticipated that by the next meeting a draft formal agreement between SCAG and the commissions on the institutional arrangement will be prepared.

3.2.3 **RTP and SAFETEA-LU**

Hasan Ikhata stated that SAFETEA-LU provided an opportunity for MPOs to move from a 3-year to a 4-year planning schedule. He explained that there were concerns that there may be a period between July 2007 and July 2008, in which major TIPs amendments cannot be processed. He reported that SCAG was informed by the federal agencies that conformity would not lapse, however SCAG would not be allowed to process any TIP amendments. Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director, met with Cindy Burbank of Federal Highways and discussions are underway regarding this issue.

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

5.0 REVIEW OF REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Members were encouraged to attend the Joint Workshop on RHNA prior to the Regional Council. With regard to item 4.1.8 on the agenda (Internal Audit Appeal Procedure) Councilmember Washburn recommended that the President or a Executive Committee member should be part of the Appeals panel. There was a consensus of the members to forward the recommendation to the Regional Council for consideration.

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

KPMG

Bert Becker, Interim CFO, gave a brief report on a meeting with KPMG. Mr. Becker and Mr. Gosnell met with KPMG representatives and expressed displeasure of not having the audit completed. He stated that the Regional Council has been advised in the past of the delay due to a restatement of compensated absences in prior years. During this extensive internal review by KPMG due to this restatement, they have discovered two additional items that also may require restatement.

Due to the closed session, the remaining items of the Executive Director's report will be given at the Regional Council.

7.0 CLOSED SESSION

- Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director
Pursuant to California Government Code §54957 b(1)

The Executive Committee convened into closed session, however there was nothing to report at this time.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the General Assembly at the Westin Hotel in the City of Long Beach on Thursday, May 4, 2006.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director